



84th Legislative Session Update

CLC Meeting
March 3, 2015



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- Almost 50 days into session
- As of February 15th 2,452 bills or joint resolutions have been filed
- 557 education bills have been filed
- March 13th last day to file bill



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Administration and Governance:

- ❖ First Day of Instruction
- ❖ Class Size Limits – (K-5 and K-8)
- ❖ Video cameras in self-contained special education classrooms
- ❖ Attendance for final exam exemptions



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Assessment and Accountability:

- ❖ HB 741 – reprise of HB 866 from last session;
Reading and Math – Grades 3, 5 and 8
Writing – Grades 4 and 7
Science – Grades 5 and 8
Social Studies – Grade 8
- ❖ HB 753 – Eliminates assessments in 3-8 writing and social studies and US History EOC



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Assessment and Accountability:

- ❖ HB 1468 – modifies the 4th and 7th writing assessment
- ❖ HB 1469 – modifies the 4th, 7th, English I and English II assessments
- ❖ Elimination of any state assessment not required by federal law
- ❖ Texas Opportunity School Districts



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Assessment and Accountability:

- ❖ HB 1162 – eliminates requirement of satisfactory performance on EOCs for promotion or graduation
- ❖ SB 149 – creates Individual Graduation Committees (IGCs) for students who have twice attempted and failed an end-of-course exams



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School Choice:

- ❖ PEG Grant
- ❖ Tax- credits for contributions to educational assistance organizations that provide scholarships for attendance of students at private schools
- ❖ Tax-Savings Grant Programs

Curriculum:

- ❖ HB 181 – Eliminates requirement that districts indicate endorsements, distinguished level of achievement and performance acknowledgements on diplomas



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Early Childhood:

- ❖ Governor's bill filed
- ❖ created that establishes Gold Standard Prekindergarten program
 - ✓ Additional funding to districts that opt to implement a gold standard, high-quality, accountable pre-k program
 - ✓ Capped at max of \$1500/ student
 - ✓ May be used for any purpose that is intended to strengthen pre-k program



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House and Senate Budget Comparison

	House (\$ billions)	Senate (\$ billions)
All Funds	\$202.4	\$205.1
General Revenue Funds	\$98.8	\$101.5
Amount Remaining to Constitutional Spending Limit	\$8.1	\$5.4
Amount between Spending Limit and BRE	\$5.4	\$4.2

Source: Moak & Casey



Federal Update

Reauthorization of ESEA:

- ❖ Student Success Act – HR 5
 - ✓ Modifies Maintenance of Effort requirements
 - ✓ Removes Highly-Qualified teacher requirements
 - ✓ Eliminates AYP requirements
 - ✓ Testing requirements – needs to be addressed
 - ✓ Title I Portability – needs to be addressed